Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Saving lives in South Dakota and making our roadways as safe as possible are of utmost importance; and,

Whereas, 203 individuals died on our roadways in 2003 – 94 of these individuals died in alcohol-related crashes; and,

Whereas, In the same year, 22 of the individuals who died in alcohol-related crashes were under the age of 20; and,

Whereas, Many national, state, and local organizations are working together to educate all South Dakotans about personal responsibility; and,

Whereas, Youth often face difficult pressures, especially during prom and graduation celebrations; and,

Whereas, The potential danger for young people to be involved in alcohol-related crashes during these times of year escalates:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the months of April and May 2005, as

PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY AWARENESS MONTHS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State